

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST NO. 07-854

DESIGN & ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE 79TH STREET TRI-RAIL/METRORAIL TRANSFER STATION

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), an agency of the State of Florida, operates Tri-Rail, a seventy-two (72) mile commuter railroad with eighteen (18) stations in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

THE PURPOSE of this Request for Letters of Interest (RLOI) is to enter into an Agreement with a qualified Consultant to provide professional design and engineering services for the Tri-Rail/Metrorail Connector Project (Connector). The Connector will provide a secured means for horizontal passenger traffic movement (walkways and corridors) and vertical passenger traffic movement (elevator, escalator, and stairs) to meet the needs of the commuters transferring between the Tri-Rail and Metrorail Stations. This RLOI solicits written responses ("Letters of Interest") from qualified firms interested in providing the services needed for this Project.

A REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS should be directed to Bryan Kohlberg at SFRTA, 800 N.W. 33 Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, Florida 33064, (954) 788-7910. The cost of the document is \$50.00, non-refundable. Checks or money orders, made in favor of SFRTA should be forwarded to Mr. Kohlberg at the address above. Documents will be available on or about Tuesday, September 4, 2007.

A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE will be held in the SFRTA Board Room at the address above on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. The purpose of the meeting will be for SFRTA to respond to questions from document holders and clarify requirements in an open forum. Attendance is not mandatory but is highly recommended.

RECEIPT OF SEALED LETTERS OF INTEREST: All LOI must be received as per the document instructions no later than 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on October 2, 2007 at the SFRTA office in Pompano Beach.

SFRTA reserves the right to postpone, accept, or reject any and all LOI in whole or in part. All Proposers must certify that they are not on the State of Florida Comptroller General's List of Ineligible Bidders. All LOI shall remain in effect for One Hundred Eighty (180) days from the LOI submission due date.

DBE PARTICIPATION: SFRTA solicits and encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation. DBEs will be afforded full consideration of their responses and will not be subject to discrimination. SFRTA's DBE program goal is 10% of total contract expenditures.

CONE OF SILENCE: Any verbal or written communications between any Proposer (potential or actual), or its representatives and any SFRTA Board Member, staff member, committee member, or consultant regarding this procurement are strictly prohibited from the date of the LOI advertisement through the date of execution of the contract. The only exceptions to this are: (1) written requests regarding information or clarification made to SFRTA's designated contract specialist during the allowable time period under the solicitation; (2) any communications at a publicly noticed meeting of SFRTA; and (3) any communications with the SFRTA Director of Procurement. Any violation of the requirements set forth in this section shall constitute grounds for immediate and permanent disqualification of the Proposer/violator from participation in this procurement.

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